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Man Charged with Elder Abuse, Burglary in Pomona

A 24-year-old man was charged today with breaking into his grandfather's Pomona home and severely beating the elderly man, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Sammeon Christian Waller (dob 10/16/92) has been charged with two felony counts in case KA115541: elder abuse and first-degree burglary, person present.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant inflicted great bodily injury on the 82-year-old victim during the commission of the crime.

Waller is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Prosecutors are asking that bail be set at \$155,000.

Deputy District Sandra Jimenez, who is assigned to the case, said police were called on June 9 to conduct a welfare check on an 82-year-old Pomona man who had not been seen for several days.

When police arrived at the home, they discovered the elderly victim with significant injuries to his body and he was taken to the hospital for treatment, according to the prosecutor.

Police identified the victim's grandson, Sammeon Christian Waller, as the possible suspect in the attack, the prosecutor said. On June 18, Waller was located in Sacramento and taken into custody.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 12 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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